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influence of both of the old papers,
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ment in Sumter.

Red Cross Work.

To The Ladies:
Mrs. W. D. Boykin phoned me Monday morning and requested that I come around to the work room to see how many ladies were helping her, and there was one. She says this has been the condition for some time; in fact even officers of the respective days do not attend. She said they have not as yet made up as much as one-third of the October allotment.
I fully realize for the past three or four weeks that there has been a great deal of influenza in Sumter, many of the ladies have been sick, and a great many others nursing the sick, and could not help with these surgical dressings, but I understand the influenza is about over, and those who were sick are about recovered, and those who are out ought to help with this work.

If the ladies now slack up with this work and do not continue the struggle, they will place themselves in the same position as the Turks, Bulgarians and Austrians who have fallen down on their job. The army needs more surgical dressings now than it has ever needed, because the fighting has been exceedingly severe since the 15th of July and on the Western front it is still going on and there are a great many wounded soldiers who need these dressings. Will the ladies of Sumter fall at this critical moment to do everything in their power to furnish these surgical dressings as rapidly as possible, in order that the lives of our wounded soldiers may be saved?

I certainly hope and expect that Mrs. Boykin on Friday morning and every morning thereafter, as long as there is work to do, will find the work room full of ladies who are willing and anxious to help.

There will be a lecture to the ladies who are interested in this work at the surgical dressings room Thursday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, which meeting will be addressed by Mr. Baker along the line of the necessity of this work.

L. D. Jennings.

Dark Corner News.

Dark Corner, Nov. 5.—I will attempt to write another line for the Watchman and Southern this morning. There is not much news in this neck of the woods. Only sickness. The flu has been with us for the last three weeks and very few houses have escaped it. But there has been but one death anywhere near here. Mrs. J. Don Geddings, formerly of this place died near Pinewood last Saturday. She was a daughter of the late Joe M. Ardis of this corner. She is survived by her husband, three little girls, a mother, three sisters and two brothers to mourn her death.

Mr. Blanding Ardis had to shut down his ginney and grist mill on account of the flu as he and all of his family and his ginners were down at one time with it. All of Joe Johnston's family, consisting of ten, have been laid up with the flu. Some of them the second time, but all seem to be a little better at this writing.

Old Hard Times has had it and is yet suffering with it.

Mr. Jack N. Ardis, who moved from here to Lena, Hampton County, last winter, has moved back, and expects to live at Elmhill, the old home of Dry Joe.

The Sunday school and prayer meeting at Elwell's Chapel has been shut down for the last four weeks. Hope it will be so it can open up next Sunday.

I saw that I and J. E. Johnston were to manage the federal election at Bloomhill today, but neither of us was able to attend. I hated it that I was not able as I have managed so long. But I guess I will never manage any more elections at Bloomhill, as I will move into Privateer after this year is out I expect, and will leave the Dark Corner forever.

Hard Times.

The books of registration are in bad shape and something should be done to correct the glaring errors that were brought to light when citizens presented themselves at the polls today to cast their ballots. As a result of these errors a number of citizens were deprived of the privilege of voting. For instance the following citizens duly registered in Ward 2 were not allowed to vote during the few minutes the writer was at the polls: J. C. Cooper—his name was entered on the book as C. C. Cooper; W. R. Parker, entered as M. R. Parker; J. K. White, name not on the book. The managers stated that they had to refuse to let Capt. A. C. Phelps vote because his name was entered as A. C. Phillips. All of these men produced registration certificates bearing serial numbers and signed by all of the supervisors of registration, but the names entered on the book with the corresponding numbers did not correspond with the names and initials on the certificates. How many more errors of a similar nature a thorough checking of the books would show, it is impossible to estimate. The grand jury or somebody—if there is any one with the authority—should investigate the books of registration and see that they are purged of these unexcusable errors.

Y. M. C. A. SECRETARY.

Mr. J. Young Todd Has Taken Charge of Sumter Young Men's Christian Association.

The announcement was made several weeks ago that Mr. J. Young Todd had been elected Secretary of the Sumter Y. M. C. A., and would enter upon the discharge of his duties in the near future. Circumstances prevented Mr. Young coming to Sumter as soon as then anticipated, but he arrived several days ago and is now in charge and energetically at work trying to get things in shape and to lay the foundation for the winter's programme. Mr. Todd said today that it was too soon to make any announcements as to his plans, for he had not had time to become familiar with the local situation; and to arrive at an intelligent understanding of the paramount needs of the work in Sumter. He is, however, energetically at work and expects to have a definite programme arranged in the near future.

Mr. Todd brings to the work in Sumter the experience gained by seven years active connection with Y. M. C. A. work in Chicago and De Moines, going into the War Work of the Association from the latter place. Since last January he has been stationed at Camp Jackson, except for part of the time he was detailed for Y. M. C. A. recruiting work for the overseas service. Mr. Todd is a native of Abbeville county and attended Erskin College and Clemson, and subsequently having decided to go into the Y. M. C. A. work attended the Y. M. C. A. college at Chicago. For several years he was connected with the association work in Chicago and then went to Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Todd is married and his wife and two children will come to Sumter in the near future.

NUT SHELLS NEEDED.

A Call to Members of Boys' Corn and Pig Clubs.

Dear Club Member:
You are already rendering a splendid service to your country in the production of corn, wheat and other crops; also pigs and calves, which is so necessary to the material prosperity of our country, and to the winning of the war. Now comes another appeal for service.

The Gas Defense Division of the United States Army is very anxious indeed to obtain all shells of black walnuts, butter nuts, hickory nuts and seeds of such stone fruits as peaches, cherries, prunes, etc., for the purpose of making charcoal to be used in gas masks for our soldiers.

You can add another important service to our country by collecting such stones and seeds as are wanted by the gas defense division of the United States Army, and turn them over to your local branch of the Red Cross for shipment. In performing this duty you will be engaged in no small matter, as you may be saving the lives of many of our gallant soldiers (perhaps your own brother or some other near relative) in protecting them from the deadly fumes of the enemy's gas shells.

I am confident that you will respond to this call as heartily as you have to "hose in the past, remembering that you are performing a most patriotic work.

Yours for the success of our army,
L. L. BAKER,
Supervising Agent of Boys' Club Work.

Bishopville, Nov. 5.

American Casualty List.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Killed in action	124
Died of wounds	75
Died from accident and other causes	5
Died of disease	108
Wounded severely	210
Wounded, degree undetermined	257
Wounded slightly	484
Missing in action	44
Prisoner	1
Total	1,308

The following casualties are reported from South Carolina: Died of disease, Luther Butler, Manning; Johnnie Waiters, Davis Station; Henry T. Brown, Camden; Leo K. Farrow, Fountain Inn; Wm. McNeal, Kershaw; John Montgomery, Greeleyville. Wounded severely: Augustus Henderson, Abbeville; Craig W. Rockholt, Charleston; Arthur Teager, Laurens. Wounded, degree undetermined, Ben Oliver, Eujawville. Died of wounds, Vernon Grant, Midway.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Killed in action	250
Died of wounds	166
Died from accident and other causes	8
Died from airplane accident	1
Died of disease	244
Wounded severely	118
Wounded, degree undetermined	111
Wounded slightly	165
Missing in action	123
Prisoners	2
Total	1,189

The casualties reported from South Carolina are as follows:

Killed in action: John H. Griffin, White Stone; James D. Evans, Bishopville; Died of disease, Albert Thomas, Trenton; Orvil S. Williams, Steedman; Dennis Wise, Monetta; Harry Sparks, Parkville; Ward R. Knight, Lancaster; Abraham Felder, Ramberg; Archie L. Joiner, Pelton; Wm. McClary, Kingsree; Sterling Moore, Greenville; Sam Reese, Cornwell. Missing in action, Louis Bolo, Charleston; Present for duty, previously reported missing, Claude S. Bagwell, Belton.

Death.

Mr. D. M. Blanding has received news of the death on October 17 of his nephew, James Douglas Blanding, second son of Judge J. M. Blanding, of Corsicana, Texas, and of his brother-in-law, Rev. T. Luther Harmon, of Vaiden, Miss., on November 2. Both died from the effects of influenza.

THE PAY OF TEACHERS.

State Board of Education Says They Should be Paid for Time Schools Were Closed.

Please publish the following communication from the State Board of Education. The Sumter County Board of Education endorses it. It should be of interest to all concerned.

J. H. Haynsworth,
Co. Supt. of Education

The State Board of Education has just issued the following address: To the Trustees, Patrons, and Pupils of the Public Schools of South Carolina:

"I. Any teacher who had begun actual work and whose class room was closed by the influenza quarantine of the State Board of Health is entitled to full pay for the period of his or her enforced inactivity.

"II. Any teacher under contract to open school, but who was prevented from doing so by the quarantine of the State Board of Health is entitled to equitable pay for the period of his or her enforced inactivity."

"III. Any school or school district participating in State funds will not forfeit its right to State aid if the trustees pay salaries in full for the time covered by the influenza quarantine.

"The above items are earnestly commended to the careful consideration of the trustees throughout the State.

"To the teachers, the members of the State Board of Education desire to say that they have great confidence in the professional devotion and conscientiousness of the teachers of the State and they believe that the teachers will gladly give of their time and efforts to enable the pupils to have as good an opportunity this year as they have ever had to get what is their due. To this end the Board believes that the teachers will gladly eliminate holidays, curtail the Christmas vacation, and prolong to a greater or less degree the session next spring.

"The Board urgently calls upon the parents and pupils cheerfully to cooperate in every way, to make an intensive drive, to reduce to a minimum the number of diversions and distractions, and, by steaming up in all educational endeavors, thus to make up in great measure most of the valuable time that has been lost.

"To the colleges the State Board of Education wishes to express its realization of the inadvisability of lowering any of the standards of admission. They are already too low. But certainly in making their ratings for this year it will not be just to give undue emphasis to the time element. For this year the colleges will have to judge more largely than heretofore by results; and the schools, by intensiveness and enthusiasm, will have to compensate as much as possible for the time that was lost in conforming to the requirements of a quarantine that was in harmony with the demands of wisdom and necessity."

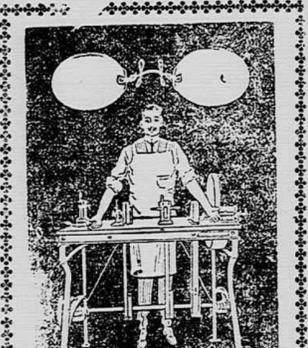
War Savings Stamps on Sale on the Streets.

The sale of war savings stamps on the streets was interrupted by the epidemic of influenza, and for several weeks there was no street sale until last Tuesday. Mrs. Flaum opened up her table again then, and made good sales. The chairman of war savings says that he hopes and expects that all the tables will be going again on Saturday, and from then on regularly.

The year has but eight more weeks to run, and Sumter county is \$200,000 behind in purchases the amount pledged, and that was not half of what was asked for. There will have to be some very heavy buying for the remainder of the month for the people to show that they are living up to their promises.

Marshall Foch Fund.

Previously acknowledged	\$100.00
A. A. Strauss	1.00
Mrs. A. A. Strauss	1.50
W. B. Upshur	1.00
Dr. C. J. Lemmon	1.00
S. H. Edmunds	1.00
Miss Sophia Brunson	1.00
R. W. Westberry	1.00
E. L. Witherspoon	1.00
Mrs. H. L. Witherspoon	1.00
Mrs. M. B. Teicher	1.00
Miss Ammie Teicher	1.00
Miss Marie Teicher	1.00
Miss Isadore Teicher	1.00
Miss Franceska Teicher	1.00
Total	\$114.00



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WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

Chamber of Commerce Organization Working at High Pressure to Get it Started.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce resembled the advertising car of Ringling Brothers' Circus during the past week with thousands of large and medium sized, but beautiful and artistic lithographs, hundreds of bundles of different kinds of literature, pledge cards, folders, and other advertising matter for the big first United War Work Campaign which begins next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Academy of Music in this city, and throughout Sumter county. Chairman of the county campaign W. B. Upshur was on hand with the smile that won't come off, and getting a lot of motion out of the organization machinery.

A force of the boy scouts and besides a number of gentlemen and local and visiting Y. M. C. A. secretaries were busily engaged assorting the mass of advertising matter, while Chamber of Commerce stenographers and the secretary were writing or mimeographing, folding, and addressing thousands of letters to be mailed out to white and colored citizens over this county, making hundreds of copies of committee lists and instructions, and doing other necessary preliminary work to get the machinery in good running order for a successful campaign. Many meetings were held in the rooms of the commercial organizations, two meetings going on at one time one day, and white meetings and colored meetings conferring with general chairman, city chairman, township and school district chairmen and with hundreds of sub-committees of both races over the entire county.

It looks like next week's campaign is going to be the most spectacular yet democratic campaign pulled off since the United States started in to turn the trick of making the kaiser quit his job and making the Huns surrender according to President Wilson's ideas of admitting that they are licked to a frazzle.

Messrs. A. C. Phelps and E. L. Reardon, the chairmen in charge of the colored section of the United War Work campaign for Sumter county, have put in a very busy week organizing the colored people of the county. Several meetings of township chairmen have been held, thousands of circulars, lithographs, and hundreds of letters and many bundles of United War Work Campaign literature have been mailed out.

It is hoped that numbers of meetings at colored churches will be held next Sunday and during next week. Rev. A. J. Andrews, R. W. Westberry, Dr. J. J. Stark, Rev. I. D. Davis, Dr. L. Bragg Anthony, of Sumter have manifested great interest in the perfection of the county organization and are working hard to have the entire county thoroughly organized by next Sunday.

The following township committees have been so far named and

notified, and the chairmen and vice chairmen have been requested to meet with Chairmen Phelps and Reardon at 3.30 o'clock Friday afternoon, November 8th for final instructions and to receive pledge cards:
City of Sumter:

Ward No. 1—J. W. Nelson, Chairman; Mrs. Sallie Bacoat, Vice Chairman; Sam Franklin, Rev. D. W. Witherspoon.

Ward No. 2—Rev. D. P. Pendergrass, Chairman; Caesar Bennett, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Julia Byrd, J. A. Valenine, Nelson Shaw.

Ward 3—S. J. McDonald, Chairman; E. E. Jones, Vice Chairman; A. R. Donnelly, J. C. Prioleau, C. A. Lawson, R. W. Westberry, Mrs. C. A. Lawson, Mrs. Pearl Spears, Miss M. E. Glover, Rev. J. W. Murph, M. J. Frederick, Mrs. Alma Boykin.

Ward 4—Rev. J. W. Moultrie, Chairman; Rev. I. D. Davis, Vice Chairman; W. B. Durant, Rev. E. W. Dix, Rev. J. P. Foster, Rev. J. McKensie Harrison, Miss Helen Usher, Miss Mattie Walters, E. A. Walters, Miss Nannie Davis, Mrs. Edna Davis, Miss Louise Lowery, Mrs. Annie Sanders, Mrs. N. V. Glover, Mrs. A. J. Johnson.

Mayesville Township—Rev. A. R. Howard, Chairman; Rev. M. J. Sumter, A. B. Stuckey, Miss Emma Wilson, Rev. J. P. Crawford, C. W. Price, Rev. S. M. Sampson, E. G. Green, Mrs. H. L. Johnson, Miss Sallie Lowry, Mayesville; Sanders Cain, Shiloh.

Rafting Creek Township—T. B. Wright, Chairman, Hagood; R. W. Watts, Vice Chairman, Horatio; Edgar Dinkins, Hagood; E. M. Skinner, Rembert; Mrs. Victoria Rabb, Rembert; Mrs. Lottie Atkinson, Horatio; Mrs. Florence Dicks, Horatio, Nelson Boykin, E. W. Wilson, Mrs. Belle Kendrick, Rembert.

Manchester Township—J. R. Mitchell, Chairman, Wedgefield; Rev. G. E. Clark, vice chairman, Wedgefield; Mrs. Susan Richardson, Wedgefield; Mrs. Martha Allen, Wedgefield; Mrs. Brooks Rogin, Wedgefield.

Middleton Township—R. H. Richardson, Wedgefield; Rev. D. J. Nathaniel, Sumter, R. 2; Rev. A. W. Frierson, Wedgefield; E. D. DeLong, Wedgefield; G. Lee Winn, Wedgefield; S. M. Green, Wedgefield.

Shiloh Township—Rev. G. E. Tillman, Shiloh, Chairman; B. J. Miller, Vice Chairman; Rev. J. McHarris, Shiloh; Wess Lemmon, Olanta; Bentley Woods, Lynchburg; Farmer Green, Lynchburg; Mrs. Charity Keels, Shiloh; Mrs. G. B. Tillman, Shiloh.

Concord Township—E. W. Gregg, Chairman, Sumter, R. 1; J. A. Frierson, Vice Chairman, Sumter, R. 1; Robert Grantham, Sumter, R. 1; John Smith, Sumter, R. 1; Rev. G. J. Hamilton, Sumter, R. 1; Dr. I. W. Williams, Sumter, R. 1; Mrs. Jane Williams, Sumter, R. 1; Miss C. E. Manony, Sumter, R. 1; Rev. J. A. Manony, Sumter, R. 1.

Providence Township—F. M. Martin, Chairman, Dalzell; Seymour Howard, Vice Chairman, Dalzell;

Rev. M. J. Jackson, Dalzell; Miss Mary E. Hill, Dalzell; Richard Reech, Dalzell; John Washington, Dalzell; Rev. Theodore Diggs, Dalzell.

Privateer Township—Rev. C. F. Brogdon, Sumter, R. 2. This committee will be completed later. A. B. Brunson, Malichia Singleton, Stateburg Township—Rev. R. B. Curry, Chairman; Rev. C. E. Hunter, Vice Chmn.; Mrs. Hattie D. Taylor, Rev. G. W. Spivey, Rev. O. A. Parker, Ransom Wright, Mrs. Emma Green.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

Estate of Miss Musidora I. Colclough, Deceased.
All persons having demands of any sort against said estate will present them duly attested, and all in any way indebted to said estate will please settle with
Mrs. Gertrude E. Richardson,
Qualified Executrix.

Oswego P. O., S. C., R. F. D. 1, Box 58.

Sumter, S. C., Oct. 22, 1918.

It All Depends.

"How late shall you remain at your summer cottage this year?"
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